taxes. Referred to Finance Committee.

From James Smith, of the "Albion," complaining of the flooding of his cellar by water, through defective sid walk. Referred to Board of Works, with power.

An account was read from A. Murray, County Treasurer, statement of amount expended last year on jail and court house. Referred to Finance Committee.

An account of $77.50 from the Gutta Percha and Rubber Mfg. Co , of New York, was referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

Ald. Compbell, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the Auditors' quarterly statement, which was referred to the Printing Committee to have printed.

Moved by Ald. Murray, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the matter of placing gas lamps at Blackfriars and Kensington bridges be referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee. Carried.

Ald. Thompson, chairman of the Market Committee, submitted the following report:

1st. Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the application of Mr. Jewell for a grant of $50 toward the cheese fair held at the City Hall for 1878 be approved.

2nd. Your Committee recommend that the clerk of the wood market be instructed to measure all wood brought to market; when the same be not piled an equal width in racks or otherwise, shall be measured at the narrowest part, and the exact quality marked on each load.

3rd. Your Committee submit the report of grain and other produce on sale at Covent Garden Market for the year ending 21st February, 1878.

4th Your Committee recommend that the wood market be on Clarence street, from Bond street to Great Market street, on the west side of Clarence.

On motion the report was considered in committee of the whole, Ald. Powell in the chair.

First clause read—

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the clause be struck out. Carried.

Clauses 2 and 3 passed.

Clause 4 read —

On a motion to adopt, it was—

Moved in amendment by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald Glass, that the words "Clarence street" &c., be struck out, and "Wellington street, north of Dufferin Avenue, to Great Market street," be substituted.

Moved in further amendment by Ald. Keenleyside, seconded by Ald. Skinner that the clause be referred back.

Ald. Christie's amendment carried.

The committee rose and reported, a on a motion to adopt, it was—

Moved in amendment by Ald. Murray, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that the clause granting $50 to the Cheese Association be inserted in the report. Lost.

Yeas — Smyth, Thompson, Murray, Keenleyside, Christie.

Nays —Campbell, Regan, Powell, Skinner, Stringer, Glass, Brown, Williams, T. Peal, J. R. Peel, Egan.

Not voting—Vining.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Ald. Browne, chairman of the Printing Committee, submitted the following report:

1st. That the communications of Messrs. Bryce and Carrie, referred to this Committee, were not considered as tenders for supplies in their line were about to be asked for. The account of Messrs. Reid & Anderson referred from the Finance Committee, amounting to $40.98, was examined, but owing to their being no tender to refer to your Committee had to pass it, as the names of the officers who ordered the articles certified to the account. It was referred to Finance Committee for payment.

2nd. In accordance with resolution of this Council at its last meeting (referring the chairman's report back to the Committee) requesting them to ask for fresh tenders for supplies, bookbinding, stationary, advertising and printing that may be required for the year ending April 30th, '79, your Committee have done so, and to prevent any misunderstanding, specifications were placed in the City Clerk's possession for reference, with conditions governing the contractors.

3rd. The following named firms were notified by the City Clerk in writing asking for tenders for the supplies named in specification, namely: Book binding, Messrs. Chapman, E. A. Taylor, Reid & Co. Stationary, &c.— Messrs. Reid & Anderson, E. A. Taylor & Co., Wm.

Bryce, Wm. L. Carrie and John Mills. Advertising—London Free Press Printing Co., J Cameron&Co., M.D. Dawson & Co. Printing—London Free Press Printing Co., John Cameron & Co., M. D Dawson, T. A. McNamara, J. H. Vivian. Tenders were received from all of the above named (except Messrs. Mills and Carrie and the three newspaper proprietors). The contract for book binding and stationary was awarded to E. A. Taylor & Co., they being the lowest. The Committee declined to make an award for the printing owing to the tender of the press being a blank one with 12½ per cent. off, so that under the circumstances it is left to the Council to settle the matter.

On motion, the report was committed, Ald. Egan in the chair.

The 1st and 2nd clauses passed.

Ald Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that the latter part of the last clause be referred back for further consideration.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Powell, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that the new press tender be now received and added to the report.

Ald. Glass moved in further amendment, seconded by Ald. Ripley, that the contract for advertising and printing be given to the *Free Press*, *Advertiser* and HERALD, at their tender, "commercial rates," less 12½ per cent. discount. While the question was being discussed the hands of the clock pointed to eleven o'clock, and a motion was made to extend the time indefinitely. This was lost, however, and the Council adjourned.